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## CUBAN CLAIMS CIA HELD HIM

17 Persons Imprisoned 11  
Weeks, Castro Foe Charges

New York, May 7 (AP)—An anti-Castro Cuban was quoted today as charging that the Central Intelligence Agency imprisoned him and sixteen companions for eleven weeks before and after the recent landings in Cuba.

In a Miami dispatch, the New York Times identified the Cuban as Dr. Rodolfo Nodal Taraga, 27, a lawyer who was active in the National Revolutionary Front during the Batista regime.

Dr. Nodal said he and the other sixteen Cubans were held incommunicado in a remote camp in the jungle of Peten in northern Guatemala until April 28—eleven days after the Cuban landings began.

They were flown back to Miami and released on the following day, he reported.

He attributed the imprisonment to their opposition to Capt. Manuel Artime and other leaders backed by the CIA for the abortive Cuban landings.

In Washington, the CIA said it had no comment on Nodal's charge.

The seventeen were kept in "subhuman" prison conditions, Dr. Nodal declared, accused of being Communists and subjected to lie detector tests at gunpoint.

The Times said the fact of their imprisonment was well known among Cuban circles in Miami, but full details had not been disclosed previously.

**Moved From Camp To Camp**  
Dr. Nodal went to Miami from Cuba last October to work for the Democratic Revolutionary Front and later was sent to Guatemala for training. These are other details of his story.

After he and others in the camp objected to the Cuban leaders in charge they were put under guard and shuffled from

one camp to another. They were questioned constantly.

Some of the prisoners were taken away and others added as they went along. On March 30, Dr. Jose Miró Cardona, later named President of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, visited them and promised to have them set free.

When he left, he took with him the first letters they had been

able to send their families since their arrest. He also told them he had nothing to do with their arrest.

Finally, a month later, they were flown to Miami in relays and released.

Dr. Nodal and his fellow prisoners have organized a new Cuban organization to be known as the 17th of April Movement in memory of the Cuban landings.

They have called on Cuban groups to work together for the overthrow of Castro, but without the participation of the CIA.

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